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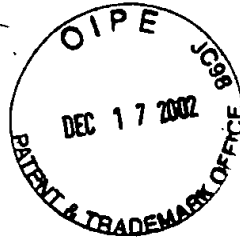
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 29, 2002, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

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4. (Amended) In an oil well having a casing with tubing concentrically disposed therein, an apparatus for controlling gas lift, said apparatus comprising a gas lift valve mounted on said tubing and having an inlet end in communication with a space between said tubing and said casing and an outlet in communication with an interior said tubing, said gas lift valve consisting of a housing and a nozzle mounted in said housing, said nozzle having a continuously open passage through which gas is allowed to flow, wherein said passage consists of a curved inlet portion through which gas flows

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